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## NEWS RELEASE

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### FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION 4500 BLOCK OF NORTH 1ST AVENUE

**\*\*\*UPDATE – APRIL 6, 2015\*\*\***

The motorcycle rider who was killed in yesterday's fatal collision has been identified as 23-year-old Richard Machado. Next of kin has been notified.

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Sergeant Kimberly Bay – April, 6, 2015

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The Tucson Police Department is investigating a motorcycle collision in the 4500 block of North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

On April 5, 2015, at 12:45 p.m., officers from Operations Division West responded to a report of a traffic collision involving a motorcycle and a pickup truck in the 4500 block of North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The Tucson Fire Department also responded but the rider of the motorcycle was pronounced deceased on scene.

Detectives from the Tucson Police Department Traffic Investigations Unit responded to continue the investigation. They were able to determine the rider of a 2006 Suzuki Sport motorcycle was northbound on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue at a high rate of speed and performed a "wheelie" while traveling across the Rillito Bridge. The driver of a 2007 Toyota Tundra pickup truck was making a southbound turn onto 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue from the Rillito Downs driveway and did not see the motorcycle until it was too late. The rider of the motorcycle put the front wheel back on the ground but lost control of the motorcycle. Both the motorcycle and the rider slid into the pickup truck. The rider was wearing a helmet. The driver of the pickup truck was an adult male who stayed at the scene and cooperated with investigators. No citations have been issued at this time.

The motorcycle rider is an adult male. His name is being withheld pending next of kin notification.

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### Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2014 - 12  
Pedestrian - 3  
Bicycle - 0  
Motorcycle - 0

For 2015 - 17  
Pedestrian - 4  
Bicycle - 1  
Motorcycle - 3

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